

# CLASSIC Battery Container

Charging-capable Li-ion Autonomous Safe Storage Inter-service Container

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- Provide a bridge between the technical community and the warfighter
- Determine and develop capabilities for the fleet
- Verify the quality, safety, and effectiveness of platforms and systems
- Design, develop, and field solutions for urgent operational fleet needs

### Operating Principles

- Part of the Naval Research & Development Establishment (NR&DE)
- Technical Capabilities disciplined process for accepting and assigning the right work to the right Division
- Operate under the Navy Working Capital Fund business model
- Workforce size based on funded workload
- Perform work our industry partners can't, won't or shouldn't do



## **Safety Challenges of Li-ion Batteries**



- Li-ion Batteries pose a significant risk to platforms when <u>aggregated</u>.
- Current method to reduce risk is to transport and store batteries at 30% State of Charge (SOC), reducing operational readiness.
- The purpose of the CLASSIC is to provide a safe means to transport, store and charge Li-ion Batteries.



BB 2590 (~300Wh) went into thermal runaway, while stored in an Army vehicle mounted shelter in the presence of combustible materials.



A fire involving a lithium-ion battery on a charger at an Army facility.

\$5 million in damage to local equipment.



### The CLASSIC Solution



- NSWC Carderock Division developed and tested a standard footprint container capable of transport, charging and storing various Li-ion batteries safely on DoD platforms.
- The CLASSIC incorporates sensors capable of detecting a battery casualty, active fire mitigation agent, and passive mitigation measures to prevent propagation of failure to other batteries stored.
- The container will also contain/redirect the effects of a Li-ion battery fire and prevent damage to personnel and the platform.



| Specifications           |                           |                                      |  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Weight (approximate)     | 3000 lbs.                 |                                      |  |
| Size                     | 57 ft <sup>3</sup> (52" x | 57 ft <sup>3</sup> (52" x 43" x 42") |  |
| Handling                 | Forklift and Sling Hoist  |                                      |  |
| Power Inputs             | 208VAC 3-<br>phase        | (Full function)                      |  |
|                          | 120VAC                    | (Fire protection only)               |  |
| Operating<br>Environment | All Weather               |                                      |  |
| IP                       | DoD Owned                 |                                      |  |



Robust containment lockers



## **CLASSIC Safety Comparison**





Demonstration of fire resulting from 2 small Li-ion batteries

Identical battery fire arrested and contained by CLASSIC

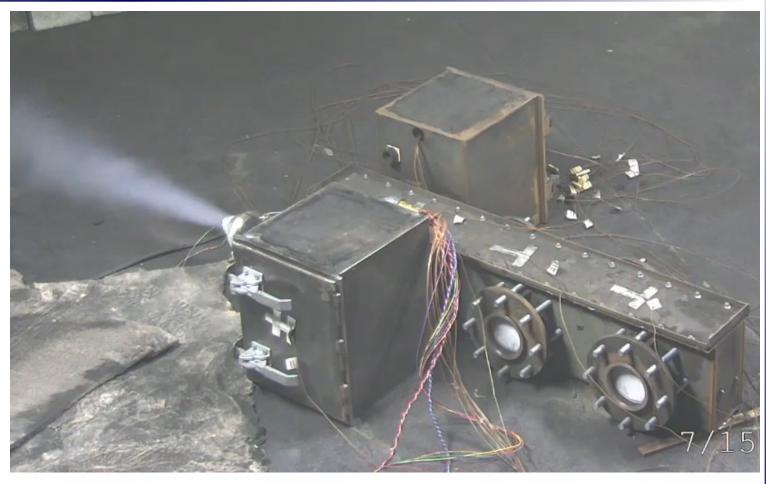




## **CLASSIC Safety Comparison**







Li-ion 6T fire event

Li-ion 6T fire event in CLASSIC locker



## **Path to Fielding**



- Ruggedization of the CLASSIC, with focus on electronic components is needed for transportation and environmental testing (MIL STD 810H)
- Shipboard demonstration and/or other DoD platform demonstrations
- Transition to Program Office

